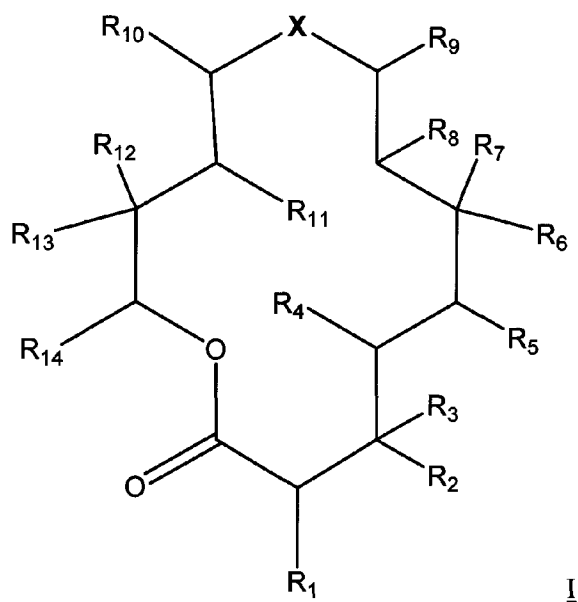


Amendments to the Claims:

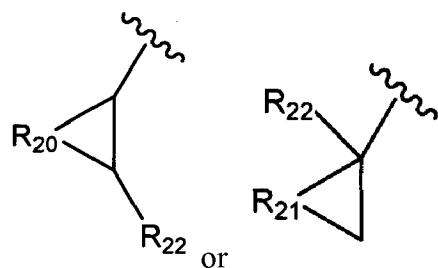
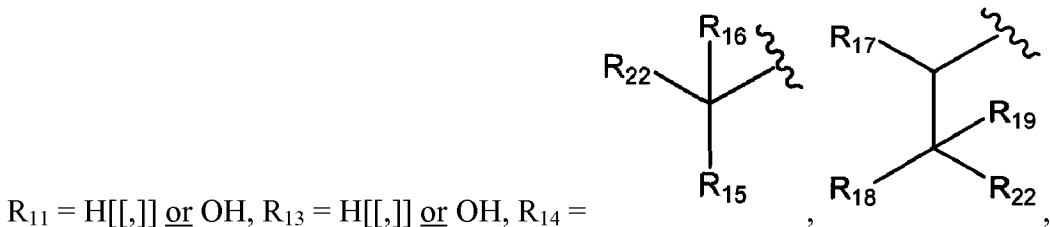
Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1 – 31 (Cancelled).

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): A compound according to formula I below:

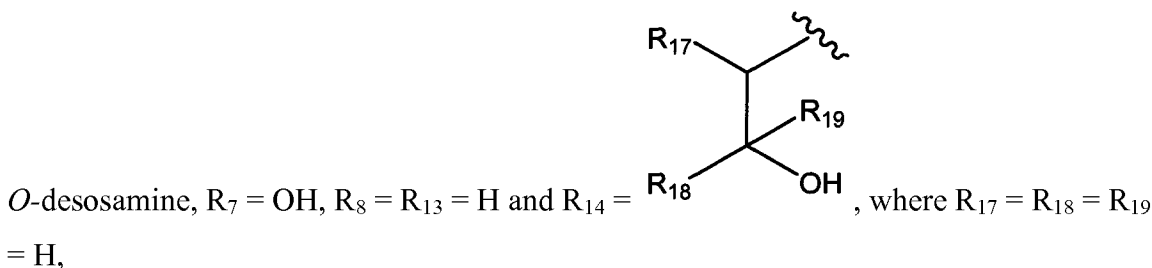


wherein X = -C(=O)-, -CH(OH)- or -CH₂-, R₁, R₄, R₆, R₉, R₁₀ and R₁₂ are each independently H, CH₃ or CH₂CH₃, R₂ = OH or a glycosyl group selected from the group consisting of *O*-cladinose, *O*-mycarose, *O*-rhamnose, 2'-*O*-methyl rhamnose, 2',3'-bismethyl 2',3'-bis-*O*-methyl rhamnose, 2',3',4'-tris-*O*-methyl 2',3',4'-tris-*O*-methyl rhamnose, *O*-digitoxose, *O*-olivose, *O*-oliose, *O*-oleandrose, ~~*O*-desosamine, *O*-mycarminose~~ *O*-mycaminose, and *O*-angolosamine and ~~*O*-megosamine~~; R₃ = H, or R₂ and R₃ together are keto; R₅ = OH or a glycosyl group selected from the group consisting of ~~*O*-cladinose, *O*-mycarose, *O*-rhamnose, 2'-*O*-methyl rhamnose, 2',3'-bismethyl 2',3'-bis-*O*-methyl rhamnose, 2',3',4'-tris-*O*-methyl 2',3',4'-tris-*O*-methyl rhamnose, *O*-digitoxose, *O*-olivose, *O*-oliose, *O*-oleandrose, *O*-desosamine, ~~*O*-mycarminose~~~~ *O*-mycaminose, and *O*-angolosamine and ~~*O*-megosamine~~; R₇ = H[,] or OH; R₈ = H[,] or OH;



where: R_{15} is H or a C_1 - C_7 alkyl group or C_4 - C_7 cycloalkyl group; R_{16} is H, a C_1 - C_7 alkyl group or C_4 - C_7 cycloalkyl group, R_{17} , R_{18} and R_{19} are each independently H or a C_1 - C_7 alkyl group or R_{20} or R_{21} are $(CH_2)_x$, where $x = 2-5$ and R_{22} is $O-R_{23}$ where $R_{23} = H$ or a C_1 to C_7 alkyl group or C_1 - C_7 acyl group; or R_{22} and R_{16} together are a keto group; or R_{22} and R_{19} together are a keto group; ~~alternatives from the group: CO, CH(OH), alkene CH, and CH₂~~; with the proviso that the following compounds are excluded:

- (a) when $R_2 = OH$, *O*-cladinose or *O*-mycarose and R_5 is OH or *O*-desosamine
- (b) when $R_1 = R_4 = R_6 = R_9 = R_{10} = R_{12} = CH_3$, $R_3 = H$, $R_2 = O$ -oleandrose, $R_5 =$



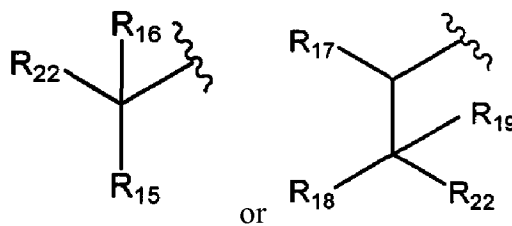
- (c) when R_2 or $R_5 = O$ -mycaminose
- (d) when R_2 or $R_5 = O$ -angolosamine.

Claim 33 (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 32 wherein R_2 is selected from the group consisting of *O*-cladinose, *O*-mycarose, *O*-rhamnose, 2'-*O*-methyl rhamnose, 2',3'-*bis*-*O*-methyl rhamnose, 2',3',4'-*tris*-*O*-methyl rhamnose, and methylated derivatives thereof, *O*-digitoxose, *O*-olivose, *O*-oliose or and *O*-oleandrose.

Claim 34 (Currently amended): A compound according to claim 33 wherein R₂ is ~~a said methylated derivative~~ selected from the group consisting of 2'-O-methyl rhamnose, 2',3'-bis-O-methyl rhamnose and 2',3',4'-tris-O-methyl rhamnose.

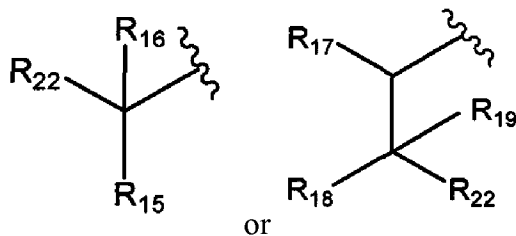
Claim 35 (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 32, wherein R₅ is a glycosyl group selected from *O*-mycaminose and *O*-angolosamine.

Claim 36 (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 32, where X = -C(=O)-, R₁ = R₄ = R₆ = R₉ - R₁₀ = R₁₂ = CH₃, R₂ = OH, *O*-rhamnose, 2'-O-methyl rhamnose, 2',3'-bis-O-methyl rhamnose, 2',3',4'-tris-O-methyl rhamnose, or a methylated derivative thereof, *O*-digitoxose, *O*-olivose, *O*-oliose or *O*-oleandrose, R₃ = H, R₅ = OH, *O*-mycaminose or *O*-angolosamine; R₇ = H[,] or OH; R₈ = H[,] or OH, ~~OCH₃~~; R₁₁ =



H[,] or OH; R₁₃ = H[,] or OH; R₁₄ =
R₁₅ = H, CH₃, or CH₂CH₃ and R₁₆ is H; or R₁₇ and R₁₈ are each independently H or CH₃;
R₁₉ is H and R₂₂ is OH.

Claim 37 (Original): A compound according to claim 36, where X = -C(=O)-, R₁ = R₄ = R₆ = R₉ = R₁₀ - R₁₂ = CH₃, R₂ = OH, *O*-rhamnose, 2'-O-methyl rhamnose, 2',3'-bis-O-methyl rhamnose, 2',3',4'-tris-O-methyl rhamnose, or a methylated derivative thereof, *O*-digitoxose, *O*-olivose, *O*-oliose or *O*-oleandrose; R₃ = H; R₅ = OH, *O*-mycaminose or *O*-angolosamine; R₇ = H[,] or OH; R₈ = H[,] or OH, ~~OCH₃~~; R₁₁ = H[,] or OH; R₁₃ =



H[,] or OH; R₁₄ =
or R₁₇ = R₁₈ = R₁₉ = H and R₂₂ is OH.